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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/912,133	Applicant(s) YEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Myriam Pierre	Art Unit 2626	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4, 8-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 4-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over Allen (6,397,388) in view of Junqua (6,314,398).

As to claim 4, Allen teaches

a microphone arranged on said remote control for enabling a user of said remote control to input said commands (col. 4 lines 34-40);

a further microphone for enabling further users of the system to input commands (col. 4 lines 34-40, and col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5);

enabling the user to selectively designate which of said microphone and further microphone is to be used as a signal source (col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5);

input designation means for enabling the user to selectively designate which of said microphone and further microphone is to be used as a signal source (col. 7 lines 63-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

Allen does not explicitly teach a speech processor for processing speech commands.

However, Junqua do teach a speech processor for processing speech commands (col. 4 lines 31-41 and col. 3 lines 46-63).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the remote control for interactive television system of Allen into the speech understanding for interactive television of Junqua because Junqua teach that this would provide interactions with various modules of the channel selecting system, col. 3 lines 63-67.

As to claim 5, Allen teaches

input means from said microphone only (col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

Allen does not explicitly teach a speech processor for processing speech commands.

However, Junqua do teach a speech processor for processing speech commands (col. 4 lines 31-41 and col. 3 lines 46-63).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the remote control for interactive television system of Allen into the speech understanding for interactive television of Junqua because Junqua teach that this would provide interactions with various modules of the channel selecting system, col. 3 lines 63-67.

As to claim 6, Allen teaches

input designation means controls the processor from said further microphone only (col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

Allen does not explicitly teach a speech processor for processing speech commands.

However, Junqua do teach a speech processor for processing speech commands (col. 4 lines 31-41 and col. 3 lines 46-63).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the remote control for interactive television system of Allen into the speech understanding for interactive television of Junqua because Junqua teach that this would provide interactions with various modules of the channel selecting system, col. 3 lines 63-67.

As to claim 7, Allen teaches
input designation means controls the processor from both said microphone and said further microphone, said microphone having priority over said further microphone (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

Allen does not explicitly teach a speech processor for processing speech commands.

However, Junqua do teach a speech processor for processing speech commands (col. 4 lines 31-41 and col. 3 lines 46-63).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the remote control for interactive television system of Allen into the speech understanding for interactive television of Junqua because Junqua teach that this would provide interactions with various modules of the channel selecting system, col. 3 lines 63-67.

As to claim 8, Allen teaches
a microphone for enabling a user of said control to input commands (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

input designation means for enabling the user to selectively designate said microphone (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

Allen does not explicitly teach a speech processor for processing speech commands.

However, Junqua do teach a speech processor for processing speech commands (col. 4 lines 31-41 and col. 3 lines 46-63).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the remote control for interactive television system of Allen into the speech understanding for interactive television of Junqua because Junqua teach that this would provide interactions with various modules of the channel selecting system, col. 3 lines 63-67.

As to claim 9, Allen teaches

a further microphone arranged on said apparatus for generating commands for said apparatus (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5);

an input designation means for enabling the user to selectively designate which of said microphone and said further microphone is to be used as a signal source to speech processor (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5);

Allen does not explicitly teach a speech processor for processing speech commands.

However, Junqua do teach a speech processor for processing speech commands (col. 4 lines 31-41 and col. 3 lines 46-63).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the remote control for interactive television system of Allen into the speech understanding for interactive television of Junqua because Junqua teach that this would provide interactions with various modules of the channel selecting system, col. 3 lines 63-67.

As to claim 10, Allen teaches

transmitting commands to the apparatus from a microphone included in

a remote control for controlling the apparatus (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5);

transmitting further commands to the apparatus from a further microphone included in the apparatus (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

selectively designating which of said commands and said further command is to be used as a speech input for said apparatus (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

processing the selected command for controlling said apparatus (col. 4 lines 34-46, col. 7 lines 62-67 and col. 8 lines 1-5).

Allen does not explicitly teach a speech processor for processing speech commands.

However, Junqua do teach a speech processor for processing speech commands (col. 4 lines 31-41 and col. 3 lines 46-63).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the remote control for interactive television system of Allen into the speech understanding for interactive television of Junqua because Junqua teach that this would provide interactions with various modules of the channel selecting system, col. 3 lines 63-67.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Myriam Pierre whose telephone number is 571-272-7611. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 5:30 a.m. - 2:00p.m.

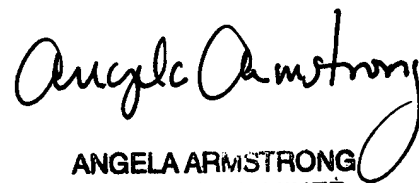
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571) 272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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